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EXAMINING GROUP 2672
Docket No.: 826.1570

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Nobuhiro SAITOU

Serial No. 09/432,113

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Examiner: C. Harrison

For: GRAPHIC EDITING APPARATUS, GRAPHIC EDITING METHOD AND STORAGE
MEDIUM ON WHICH IS RECORDED A PROGRAM FOR GRAPHIC EDITING

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on May 7, 2003.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

DI Sub 1. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A graphic editing apparatus, comprising:
a display unit displaying a graphic including a first object and a second object which are connected with each other using a first connector, where the first object, second object, and first connector are all displayed on a display screen; and
an interactive graphical editing unit responding to a third object having been interactively placed by a two-dimensional movement to a predetermined position in relation to the first connector after the first object, second object, and first connector have been displayed, by